

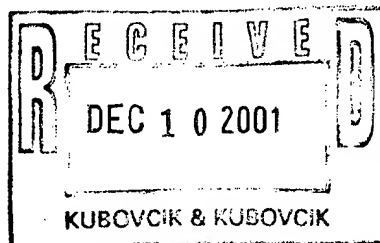


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Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
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the application of:

Hitoshi SUZUKI et al. BOX MISSING PARTS

Serial Number: 09/978,169 Group Art Unit: 3763

Filed: October 17, 2001 Examiner: Unknown

For: NEEDLEPOINT-COVERING MEMBER, METHOD OF ASSEMBLING AN INJECTION
NEEDLE WITH A NEEDLEPOINT-COVERING MEMBER, AND INJECTION
SYRINGE WITH A NEEDLEPOINT-COVERING MEMBER

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Assistant Commissioner
For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231 January 31, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated December 6, 2001, applicants are submitting herewith the original declaration for the above-identified application.

A check in the amount of \$870.00 is attached hereto for payment of the official filing fee (\$740.00) and the fee for the late filing of the Declaration (\$130.00).

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

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Please charge any additional required fees or credit any
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Respectfully submitted,

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